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THE SWEET BY AND BY

The author of the well-known song, "The Sweet By and By," S. Fillmore Bennett, of Elkhorn, Wis., denies in the Chicago Indicator that he and the composer were drunk when they wrote the words and music of that song, as has been charged. Neither of them were drunk. Bennett was at his place of business when Webster, who was of nervous and sensitive nature and easily susceptible to depression, came in, in one of his melancholy moods. "What's the matter now?" asked Bennett. "It's no matter," he answered; "it will be all right by and by." "The idea of the hymn came to me like a flash," says Bennett, "and I replied: 'The Sweet By and By! Why would not that make a good hymn?' May be it would," he said indifferently. Turning to the desk Bennett then wrote the three verses of the hymn. In the meantime two friends, N. H. Carswell and S. E. Bright, had come in," says Bennett. I handed the hymn to Mr. Webster. As he read it his eyes kindled, and his whole demeanor changed. Stepping to the desk he began writing the notes in a moment. Presently he requested his violin and played the melody. In a few moments more he had the notes for the four parts of the chorus jotted down. I think it was not over thirty minutes from the time I took my pen to write the words, before the two gentlemen before named, myself and Mr. Webster were singing the hymn, in the same form in which it afterwards appeared. While singing it, Mr. R. R. Crosby, now a resident at Richmond, Ill., came in, and, after listening awhile, with tears in his eyes, uttered the prediction: "That hymn is immortal." I think it was sung in public shortly after, for within two weeks almost every child on the street was singing it." It is translated into several languages and sung in every land under the sun.

Railroad Fare to the Stars.

The idea of distance is often best conveyed by some every-day illustration. When Horace wrote *Sic itur ad astra*,—thus it is traveled to the stars—he was not thinking of railroads. But they are familiar enough with us.

In a lecture by William Huggins, the eminent English astronomer, as to the results of the spectrum analysis as applied to the heavenly bodies, this striking statement was used to give some faint notion of the enormous distance to the stars.

"The earth's orbit," said the lecturer, "which is more than one hundred and ninety million miles in diameter, at most of the stars dwindle to a mere point, and has no sensible size whatever.

"If you suppose a railroad from the earth to the nearest fixed star, which is supposed to be twenty billions of miles from us, and if you suppose the price of the fare to be one penny for every hundred miles—not, mind, a penny per mile—then, if you take a mass of gold to the ticket office equal to the national debt (three billion, eight hundred million dollars), it would not be sufficient to pay for a ticket to the nearest fixed star. "And I think I should not be wrong in saying that there are stars so far off that at the price of one penny for every hundred miles, the whole treasure of the earth would not be sufficient to pay for a ticket."

A western paper heads an account of the drowning of four young men, "A Fatal Pleasure,

About Sending Papers by Mail.

It is well that all persons who are in the habit of sending newspapers through the postoffice, should know that they must be properly stamped or they will not go. A one-cent stamp will carry a newspaper of ordinary size, but will not carry two or three. A single three-cent stamp will carry a letter, though it be over-weight, but there is no such regulation in regard to newspapers. Papers not covered with the proper amount in stamps are never sent, nor are they advertised—they are simply thrown away. Persons frequently roll up three or four papers, stick a one-cent stamp on them and dump them into the postoffice, thinking they are bound to go; but they never go—except into the waste pile. All who do this lose their stamp. Occasionally there are dumped into the postoffice rolls of papers that would weigh a pound or two with but a single one-cent stamp attached. It is the last of that roll of papers so far as the sender or the person to whom it is sent is concerned.

Persuading a Mule.

A gaunt and wicked-looking mule belonging to a countryman, balked in River street yesterday afternoon, and the usual crowd gathered to offer advice and suggest plans for moving the animal.

Various expedients were tried, such as twisting his tail, putting dirt in his eyes, ears and mouth, but he retained his composure, and refused to notice the treatment of the operators, even with a kick. They were about to build a fire under him, when a saloon-keeper in the neighborhood offered to bet five dollars that he could make him "git," and there being no takers concluded to do it just for the sake of showing his knowledge in training mules.

He took from his pocket a flask of River street "tanglefoot" and poured a little into the mule's massive mouth. In a second afterwards there was a look of blank astonishment in every feature of the animal's countenance, and the next instant he humped himself, and shot down the street as if with the intent of eclipsing St. Julian's record. The owner watched him for a moment, and then turning to the bottle-holder said:

"Mister, if that 'ere stuff ain't too pizen strong, I'll take a drop of it in my mouth, for I've got to catch that mule.—Exchange.

Rogue river, Oregon, whose name so aptly applied to the character of the roguish Indians that once inhabited its borders, was discovered by a French vessel, long anterior to its discovery by Americans. In consequence of the muddy water flowing from out its mouth, they named it "Red river"—the French for "Red" being spelled very like our word "Rogue," but far differently pronounced. It was very natural the early settlers should use the English instead of the French word, and hence the present name of this beautiful and romantic river—ominous and suggestive though it may be to strangers yet we may assure them that it has no horrible realizations. The legislature by statute, changed the name to the very appropriate one of Gold river; but the act was about as effective as one would be, to stand Mount Hood on its head!

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher in one of his sermons says: "I think the great majority of the people die very much as a leaf does. Its supply of juice grows less and less, and the stem is less and less nourished, and it gradually retracts

and shrinks within itself, and hangs on the branch; and some day when the wind blows in very gentle puffs the leaf is lifted a little and the connection breaks, and it wavers and wavers through the air and settles without a sound upon the ground. I suppose that the great majority are as unconscious of the phenomenon of dying as children are of going to sleep."

The average width of Oregon from east to west is 350 miles, from north to south 275 miles. Its full shore-line is 285 miles. Its area is 95,274 square miles, or nearly 61,000,000 acres. It is as large as all the New England states and two-thirds of the state of New York added to them, and larger than New York and Pennsylvania combined.

The population of the state, according to the official returns of the census of 1880 was 174,767, not quite two inhabitants to the square mile. The census of 1870 gave a population of 90,773, thus showing an increase of 83,994 in a single decade. If Oregon were as proportionally thickly settled as New York, she could sustain ten million of people.

Of all duels, the most senseless and ridiculous is a duel between two editors. In a controversy they not only can have everything their own way, but they can exchange shots every day, they can make an attack by the column, but the editors themselves are able to get about and not lie abed in an hospital with bullets in their legs.

If the editors of some of the San Francisco papers were to seek "satisfaction" as the New Orleans editor did, the price of cartridges would go up faster than the price of beef.

"Some scientist has discovered that water will run up hill in spite of the proverb. All rivers rising in the north or south and running toward the equator run up hill, because the mouth of any river in the torrid zone must be many thousand yards further from the center of the earth than the head of the same rising nearer the Arctic circles; because the diameter of the earth at the equator is longer than the diameter of the earth at the poles. Another reason is that the greater the velocity of the earth at the equator heaps up the waters of the rivers there as compared with head sources further north.

Henry Villard is given as authority for a recent statement that Oregon and Washington will this year produce a wheat surplus of 350,000 tons, or 8,333,333 bushels; and that the surplus of 1883 and 1884 will reach 750,000 tons, an average of 250,000 tons for each year.

"What will I do with my hens to make them lay?" Let them go into your neighbor's garden among the vegetables. If they do not, the neighbor will probably lay for them. The only trouble about that method is the hens are laid out so soon.

Mothers! Mothers! Mothers!!!

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, it will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle.

REWARD OF GRATITUDE.

Very esteemed Mrs. Laura Pillsbury, who has been afflicted with Rheumatism, writes: "After taking one of your bottles of your medicine, I have entirely recovered from my four years' suffering. All who have tried your medicine will find it a most valuable remedy. I have no other words to say but that I feel that I owe you a debt of gratitude, and I will be glad to see you at any time, and to give you my own personal testimony." Mrs. Pillsbury, 100 North Second Street, Astoria, Oregon.

One hundred and fifty soldiers of the war of 1812 still live in Kentucky.

Don't Die in the House.

Ask druggists for "Rough on Itch." It clears out rashes, mites, bedbugs, roaches, vermin, flies, ants, insects. 15c per box.

A man at Edwards, Miss., holds matrimonial policies to the amount of \$80,000.

A Nasal Injector free with each bottle of Stillhol's Catarrh Remedy. Price 25c. Sold by W. E. Dement.

"Rheumatism."

New, quick complete cure 4 days, urinary affections, smarting, frequent or difficult urination, kidney diseases, etc., at druggists. Oregon Depot, DAVIS & CO., Portland, Or.

Garibaldi's body was found to be scarred with ten gunshot and bayonet wounds.

Young men having unfortunately contracted diseases, poisoning the blood, can find nothing better to regain health than Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier.

"Hæmorrhoid," a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by W. E. Dement.

A CARD.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, etc., I will send a recipe that will cure you FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. LEMAY, Station D, New York City.

Queen Victoria kicks the beam at 200 pounds, and grows heavier as she grows older.

Your Wife Wants

One of those old stoves; neat and convenient. See one at Foster's.

Nothing Short of Unmistakable Benefits.

Conferred upon tens of thousands of sufferers could originate and maintain the reputation which AYER'S SERRA-PAPILLA enjoys. It is a compound of the best vegetable alternatives, with the iodides of Potassium and Iron, and is the most effectual of all remedies for scrofulous, mercurial, or blood disorders. Uniformly successful and certain in its remedial effects, it produces rapid and complete cures of Scrofula, Sores, Boils, Humors, Pimples, Eruptions, Skin Diseases and all disorders arising from impurity of the blood. By its invigorating effects it always relieves and often cures Liver Complaints, Female Weakness and Irregularities, and is a potent renovator of vitality. For purifying the blood it has no equal. It tones up the system, restores and preserves the health, and imparts vigor and energy. For forty years it has been in extensive use, and is today the most available medicine for the suffering sick, anywhere.

FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS.

The PERRIN SYRUP has cured those who were suffering from dyspepsia, debility, liver complaint, boils, humors, female complaints, etc. Pamphlets free to any address. Seth W. Fowler & Son, Boston.

Brace up the whole system with King of the Blood. See Advertisement.

Why will you cough when Shuloh's Cure will give immediate relief. Price 10 cts. and 50 cts. Sold by W. E. Dement.

King of the Blood

Is not a "cure all," it is a blood-purifier and tonic, deranges the circulation, and thus induces many disorders, known by different names to distinguish them according to places, but being really branches of the same disease. Such are Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Liver Complaint, Constipation, Nervous Debility, Headache, Dizziness, General Weakness, Piles, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula, Skin Diseases, Phlegm, Itch, Scalding, etc. King of the Blood prevents and cures these by attacking the cause, impurity of the blood. Chemists and physicians agree in calling it "the most genuine and efficient preparation for the purpose." Sold by Druggists, 50c per bottle. See testimonials, directions, &c., in pamphlet, "Treatise on Diseases of the Blood," wrapped around each bottle. D. HANSON, SON & Co., Proprietors, Buffalo, N. Y.

A LETTER FROM GERMANY.

Stanzas, January 9, 1882.

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The Michigan Central company has discharged 1,000 men since June 1st.

A Virginia woman eighty years of age has just married her thirtieth husband.

Notice.

The Astoria Shirt and Oil Clothing Factory has moved next house to O'Brien's Hotel. Persons wishing good oil clothing to keep them dry will please call.

Scrofulous eruptions, such as pimples, discoloration of skin especially on face, will disappear rapidly by using Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier.

It will take \$2,000,000,000 to pay pensions during the next twenty-five years.

Skinny Men.

Wells' Health Renewer. Absolute cure for nervous debility and weakness of the generative functions. \$1, at druggists. Oregon Depot, DAVIS & CO., Portland, Or.

Perrin's Bitters

Cinchona Balsa.

The Count Cinchona was the Spanish Viceroy in Peru in 1620. The Countess, his wife, was prostrated by an intermittent fever, from which she was freed by the use of the native remedy, the Peruvian bark, or, as it was called in the language of the country, "Quinquina." General Sir Charles Innes, in honor of the lady who had brought them that which was more precious than the gold of the Incas. To this day, after a lapse of two hundred and fifty years, science has given nothing to take its place, and destroys a morbid appetite for stimulants, by restoring the natural tone of the stomach. It attacks excessive love of liquor as does a fever, and destroys both alike. The powerful tonic virtue of the Cinchona is preserved in the Peruvian Bitters, which are as effective against malarial fever today as they were in the days of the old Spanish Viceroys. We guarantee the ingredients of these bitters to be absolutely pure, and of the best known quality. A trial will satisfy you that this is the best bitter in the world. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and we willingly abide this test. For sale by all druggists, grocers and liquor dealers. Order of L. Loeb & Co., agents for Astoria.

Street Improvement Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, propose to order the repair and improvement of that portion of Salmon or East Second street in Shively's Astoria, from the south line of Cedar street to the north line of Hemlock street, by sheathing the same with three-inch planking and by straightening the piling wherever out of repair, and unless a remonstrance signed by the owners of two-thirds of the property fronting on said portion of said street, be filed with the Auditor and Clerk of said city, within ten days from the final publication of this notice, the Common Council will order said repairs to be made. By order of the Common Council.

Street Improvement Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, propose to order the repair and improvement of Cedar street in Shively's Astoria, from the east side of West 8th St. to the west line of Salmon street, by sheathing the same with plank three inches in thickness and by repairing the railings and straightening pilings wherever out of repair, and unless a remonstrance signed by the owners of two-thirds of the property fronting on said portion of said street, be filed with the Auditor and Clerk of said city, within ten days from the final publication of this notice, the Common Council will order said repairs to be made. By order of the Common Council.

Street Improvement Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, propose to order the repair and improvement of Hemlock street in Shively's Astoria, between the east line of East Second street and the east end of said Hemlock street, by sheathing the same with plank three inches in thickness and by repairing the railings thereon and by straightening the piling wherever out of repair, and unless a remonstrance signed by the owners of two-thirds of the property fronting on said portion of said street, be filed with the Auditor and Clerk of said city, within ten days from the final publication of this notice, the Common Council will order said repairs to be made. By order of the Common Council.

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